

### **GOLD GUIDE 8<sup>th</sup> EDITION RELEASE**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Gold Guide (GG8) has now been approved by the 4 UK Health Departments and so is being released on 31 March 2020.

Due to COVID -19, it is likely that ARCPs and progression assessments will be managed in a different way and there is sufficient flexibility built into GG8 to enable Postgraduate Deans to exercise appropriate discretion in such exceptional circumstances.

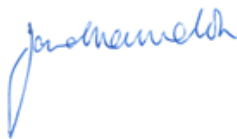
GG8 has incorporated and is fully integrated with the Guide to Foundation Training (The Purple Guide v 2019). As with previous versions, for specialty training, the most recent version of the Gold Guide (GG8) updates and supersedes all previous versions effective from the release date (31 March 2020)

Because of the need to maintain foundation guidance aligned to F1 & F2 cohort change over dates and reviews, The Purple Guide 2019 will apply to foundation trainees up to the August 2020 changeover when the integrated GG8 will apply to all UK postgraduate specialty and foundation trainees.

The Gold Guide sets out a framework with clear principles for operational management of postgraduate specialty and foundation training to support consistent decision making by Postgraduate Deans and their support teams. Whilst junior doctor contract changes are acknowledged, the Guide is not a contractual document and will not cover every eventuality.

#### **Summary of release and application dates:**

- GG8 release 31 March 2020
- **For specialty trainees:** (core, higher and run through specialty training including GP Specialty Training and Public Health) GG8 applies from 31/3/2020
- **For Foundation Trainees:** The Purple Guide v 2019 applies to 4/8/2020
- From 5/8/2020: GG8 applies to all postgraduate medical trainees (specialty & foundation)



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